

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION**

STATE OF TEXAS A.G.'S OFFICE,

Plaintiff,

V.

**SECRETARY DEB HAALAND, U.S. FISH
AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DIRECTOR
MARTHA WILLIAMS, U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**
Defendants.

Defendants.

Case No. MO:24-CV-00233-DC

ADVISORY TO THE CLERK OF COURT

The undersigned party in the above-captioned case elects as follows (please select only one of the following options):

- I CONSENT to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge in accordance with provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636. The undersigned party in the above-captioned case waives the right to proceed before a United States District Judge and consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in this case, including rendering a decision, and to order the entry of final judgment. Any appeal shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(3).
- I DO NOT CONSENT to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. The undersigned party in the above-captioned case elects not to have this case decided by a United States Magistrate Judge and prefer that this case proceed before the District Judge.

Party or Party Represented

Signature of Party or Party's Attorney

Date

State of Texas

/s/ Clayton Smith

12/23/24